



Merrick County Board Minutes



November 10, 2020

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, November 10, 2020 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kucera, Yrkoski, Dexter, Kreachbaum, Weller, and Wiegert present. Placke absent. County Attorney Homolka was also present.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publications in the Republican Nonpareil and The Palmer Journal and the Merrick County Website. Proof of publication is filed in the Clerk's Office. Copies of the agenda were mailed to each Supervisor and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

Chairman Wiegert declared the meeting was preceded by publicized notice and having acknowledged and identified the location of the posting of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act, called the meeting to order and in open session at 9:05 a.m.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Agenda: Moved Dexter, second Weller to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Minutes: Moved Yrkoski, second Dexter to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2020 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting reports: Weller attended the Central District Health meeting Monday, November 9, 2020.

Official reports: Highway Superintendent Meyer said that Kris Erickson bought a packer for the County from Big Iron Auction and had to pay \$4,000.00 for it. The County will have to reimburse Kris Erickson. Attorney Homolka said the Planning & Zoning Meeting on wind energy will be Thursday, November 12, 2020. The union negotiations have been postponed because the Union rep had tested positive. There will be a union meeting on November 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. now. The Juvenile Diversion and Truancy Officer will be meeting with Hamilton County on November 16, 2020 to answer questions about the Juvenile Diversion Interlocal. Homolka gave a presentation on the legislative changes on child abuse. She will also be on the advisory committee for alternative response. Sheriff Westman and Homolka attended the officer involve training that was paid by SCALES which Merrick County is a part of. Clerk Wichmann said her office is still working on election things and was also randomly selected for a manual audit that had to be done by the middle of December.

Placke present at 9:10 a.m.

Carpet cleaning: Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to go with the Chem Dry of Stromsburg for the bid to clean the courthouse carpets for \$2,205.40. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Public comment: Merrick Medical Center President and CEO, Patrick Avila said he felt that Merrick Medical Center needs to do a better job of letting the County Board know what they are doing. Avila said they have tried to keep as much of the work on the new hospital site as local as possible. They are looking at a completing date of March 2022. They are seeing more COVID patients and are sending the more critical COVID patients to Lincoln. They have implemented a no visitor policy but are working with family and visitors on a one to one basis. The Board said they would like a monthly update.

RESOLUTION 2020-40: Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve and sign RESOLUTION 2020-40 signing of the year-end Certification of County Highway Superintendent for 2020. Roll Call: All Ayes.

RESOLUTION 2020-40 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

Road Year End Certification: Moved Kucera, second Placke to approve and have the Chairman sign the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent for determining the incentive payment for 2020. Roll Call: All Ayes.

RESOLUTION 2020-43: Moved Dexter second Yrkoski to approve and sign the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance Form 2020 for the Road Department. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2020-43 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

Program Compliance: Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve and sign the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards 2020. Roll Call: All

Distress warrants: Treasurer Gilg issued a report of distress warrants issued and turned over to Sheriff Westman in the amount of \$15,952.76.



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RESOLUTION 2020-41: Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to approve and have the Chairman sign RESOLUTION 2020-41 directing the Treasurer to pay the Courthouse bond payment. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2020-41 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

RESOLUTION 2020-41: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve and sign RESOLUTION 2020-41. Roll Call: All Ayes. Kreachbaum and Dexter rescinded this motion as the motion had already been made prior.

RESOLUTION 2020-42: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve and sign RESOLUTION 2020-42 directing the Treasurer to make the 4H Building bond payment. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2020-42 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

RESOLUTION 2020-42: Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to approve and sign RESOLUTION 2020-42 directing the payment of limited tax county building bonds series 2015 for the 4H Building. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2020-42 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

Electrical agreement: Moved Weller, second Dexter to approve and have the Chairman sign the Electrical Agreement between Merrick County and Les Denning between Section 1 & 6, Township 14, Ranges 6 & 5. Roll Call: All Ayes.

COVID: Moved Kucera, second Weller to reinstate the seventh paragraph of RESOLUTION 2020-12 that reads: WHEREAS, ALL elected and appointed officials are hereby authorized to approve telework or working during non-business hours as deemed consistent and department needs and requirements during the duration of the Pandemic. Further, elected and appointed officials are authorized to place employees on "ready to work" status, during which the employee must remain ready and available to work and be subject to being called into work at any time a supervisor so requests. All telework, work during non-business hours or "ready to work" status is subject to supervisor approval but will be compensated at the normal rate of pay. Roll Call: All Ayes. Emergency Manager Ziemba was present and said that the County needs to file in the portal for CARE funds and the County Clerk has to be the contact. A memo was put out to all Merrick County officials and employees in March 2020 and Attorney Homolka read the memo to the County Board and revisions were made that apply to current conditions. Moved Placke, second Yrkoski to submit the revised COVID memo to all of the Merrick County officials and employees. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Grader bids: Bids for graders were received from Murphy Tractor and Nebraska Machinery Co. for new 2020 articulated motor grader with a trade in of a 2003 Caterpillar 12H. The bids were as follows: Murphy Tractor for a John Deere 670 GP, bid is \$259,750.00 with a trade in of \$38,000.00 for \$221,750.00. It has a 7 year, 7000 hour warranty. The base weight is 37,420 pounds and the horse power is 180 to 235. It is equipped with the John Deere premium circle which is a new feature of an excavator circle 135. If the County would go with a 5 year 5000 hour warranty they would take off \$6,800.00 for a price of \$214,950.00 and if the County would go to a standard circle they would take off \$7,500.00 for a total price of \$207,450.00. They currently have two machines in stock and if gone will be delivered no more than ninety days. GPS is included free for five years. Nebraska Machinery gave a bid for a Caterpillar 140 for \$264,250.00 with a trade in of \$49,800.00 for a total bid of \$214,450.00. The base weight is 37,420 pounds and is the same as the one the County bought last year. The horse power is 179 to 231 and GPS is included. The warranty is 5 years 5000 hours with \$10,000.00 in parts. The machine is in stock. Moved Weller to go with the Murphy Tractor bid. Motion died for lack of second. Moved Dexter, second Placke to accept the Nebraska Machinery Company bid for the Caterpillar 140 for \$214,450.00. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Dispatch interlocal: Hamilton submitted an amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Dispatching of Law Enforcement and Emergency Services between Merrick County and Hamilton County. The amendment is asking for more money to be sent to them from Merrick County to \$171,613.00 in fiscal year. The original interlocal was based on call volume and the call volume is down but Hamilton County wants more money. Hamilton also gets the Public Service Commission money that used to come to Merrick County because they are now dispatching for Merrick County. Board does not feel that there should be an increase and would like to hear from the Public Service Commission on the money being sent to Hamilton County for Merrick County. Moved Kucera, second Weller to table this discussion until the next board meeting and to bring forth



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any other information and to invite Mr. Almond with the Public Service Commission to the meeting. Roll Call: All Ayes.

October 2020 fees. Moved Kucera, second Yrkoski to approve the October 2020 fees from the Sheriff, Clerk of District County and County Clerk. Roll Call: All Ayes.

November 2020 claims: The November 2020 claims were submitted for approval:

GENERAL

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	INTERNET	\$	3,272.76
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	CAR REPAIR	\$	149.51
BANKS WRAPS & SIGNS	SUPPLIES	\$	75.00
BERNTSEN INTERNATIONAL INC	SUPPLIES	\$	241.21
BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$	18.19
BUTLER COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	BOARDING COSTS	\$	9,900.00
CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$	36.93
CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT	CONTRACT	\$	2,376.62
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$	53.95
CENTURY LINK	E911 PHONE SRV	\$	276.04
CENTURYLINK	E911 PHONE SRV	\$	224.84
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ MINI BUS	MINI-BUS EXP	\$	1,276.55
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$	2,179.69
CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$	12.00
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	COURT COSTS	\$	368.58
CODY'S COMPUTER REPAIR SERVICE	SUPPLIES	\$	712.95
COMMONWEALTH ELECTRIC COMPANY	BLDG REPAIR	\$	211.22
SUSIE CONNELLY	ELECTION BOARD	\$	220.30
CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	WATER SERVICE	\$	330.00
DAS STATE ACCOUNT/CENTRAL FINANCE	PHONE SERVICE	\$	783.92
ED DEXTER	MILEAGE	\$	87.63
EAGLE BROADBAND	PHONE/INTERNET	\$	3,080.94
EAGLE BROADBAND INVESTMENTS, LLC	TELEPHONE	\$	29.94
EAGLE BROADBAND INVESTMENTS, LLC	INTERNET/PHONE	\$	315.22
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$	11.69
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$	39.65
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIPMENT	\$	240.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS/COCRT	SUPPLIES	\$	273.77
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	BALLOT PRODUCT	\$	7,965.86
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING & EQUIPMENT	SUPPLIES	\$	291.60
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$	128.34
G.I. AREA CLEAN COMMUNITY SYSTEM	SUPPORT	\$	1,000.00
GEO COMM CORP	EQUIP RENTAL	\$	299.00
SHARON GILG	CELL PHONE	\$	30.00
GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES	PUBLICATION	\$	488.89
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$	120.55
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$	202.00



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HILDER IMPLEMENT INC	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	127.85
LYNELLE HOMOLKA	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$	131.89
MIKE HOPEN	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	2,800.00
HOST COFFEE SERVICE	SUPPLIES	\$	114.37
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$	154.75
JENSEN PUBLISHING	SUPPLIES	\$	15.75
JENSEN PUBLISHING	PUBLICATION	\$	893.85
JENSEN PUBLISHING	PUBLICATION	\$	484.61
JENSEN PUBLISHING	SUPPLIES	\$	163.50
KBL CONSTRUCTION INC	BLDG REPAIR	\$	900.00
KRAMER'S AUTO PARTS	EQUIPMENT	\$	150.00
JODI KRANCE	MILEAGE	\$	72.45
LTA TOWING LLC	TOWING SERVICE	\$	187.50
KAY LYONS	MISC EXPENSES	\$	64.70
BILL MACK	MILEAGE	\$	29.79
DOUG MAW	SUPPLIES/PHONE	\$	46.86
MCILNAY & CO	SUPPLIES	\$	117.25
MERRICK CO. COURT	COURT COSTS	\$	379.99
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$	99,330.75
MERRICK CO. HISTORIC SOCIETY	SUPPORT	\$	5,000.00
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSES	\$	327.14
	DATA		
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$	35.00
MIPS INC.	PROG SUPPORT	\$	3,516.37
MIPS INC.	SUPPLIES	\$	351.00
MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING, INC	PEST CONTROL	\$	150.00
JENNIFER MYERS	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$	104.75
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$	125.00
	EMERGENCY		
NANCE COUNTY TREASURER	MGMT	\$	4,549.51
NCEA	DUES/REGIST	\$	385.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$	450.00
NEBRASKA AIR FILTER, INC	SUPPLIES	\$	504.04
KAREN NELSON	POSTAGE	\$	13.90
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$	50.01
OFFICE DEPOT	SUPPLIES	\$	627.01
OFFICENET	SUPPLY/EQUIP	\$	344.17
OFFICENET	EQUIPMENT	\$	90.43
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$	165.91
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$	24.95
OFFICENET	EQUIPMENT	\$	35.59
OFFICENET, INC.	COPIER LEASE	\$	288.85
OWENS EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, INC	COURT COSTS	\$	33.22
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$	1,118.74
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHREDDING	\$	90.00
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	EQUIPMENT	\$	229.00



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PRO-TINT	CAR REPAIR	\$	220.00
REGION III BEHAVIORIAL HEALTH SERV	SUPPORT	\$	5,114.26
SACK LUMBER	BLDG REPAIR	\$	28.88
KAREN SENKBILE	ELECTION BOARD	\$	144.40
SHERRY SIWINSKI	MILEAGE	\$	15.64
STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$	2,565.50
KURT STOPKOTTE	COURT COSTS	\$	23.00
TAMMY STUHR	MILEAGE	\$	38.52
SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT	EQUIPMENT	\$	1,471.87
THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SUPPLIES	\$	747.51
THE RADAR SHOP	MAINTENANCE	\$	690.50
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$	368.79
TOP QUALITY GLOVES	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$	331.98
TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$	10.44
U.S. BANK	MISC EXPENSES	\$	1,584.19
US FOODS DIVISION #2365	SUPPLIES	\$	1,091.42
VERIZON WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	\$	50.08
VERIZON	TELEPHONE	\$	400.10
	MONITORING		
VIGILNET AMERICA, LLC	SRV	\$	430.90
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	EQUIPMENT	\$	748.65
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	EQUIPMENT	\$	440.76
WELLS FARGO VENDOR FIN SERVICES	EQUIPMENT	\$	110.00
KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$	11.39
WEX BANK	FUEL	\$	2,874.16
WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTORNEY FEES	\$	2,177.30
MARCIA WICHMANN	CELL PHONE	\$	30.00
WOODS & AITKEN LLP	ATTORNEY FEES	\$	1,562.60
ZEE MEDICAL SERVICE CO.	MEDICAL SUPPLY	\$	85.70
TREVOR ZISKA	COURT COSTS	\$	20.00
TOTAL		\$	185,489.33

ROADS

ACE IRRIGATION & MFG., CO.	CULVERTS	\$	9,541.54
AKRS EQUIPMENT	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	84.10
ALL STAR AUTO GLASS	REPAIR/LABOR	\$	1,269.95
AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	FUEL	\$	10,625.04
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$	31.33
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BOMGAARS	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$	300.83
BOSSELMAN INC/ROADS	SUPPLIES/FUEL	\$	6,890.94
BRYAN HEALTH	D & A TESTING	\$	56.00
CENTRAL CITY AUTO PARTS/ROADS	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$	249.10
KRIS ERICKSON	EQUIPMENT	\$	4,150.00
FASTENAL CO	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	5.09
FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	FUEL	\$	1,590.01
GILBARCO INC	FUEL	\$	17.00



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GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	36.02
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	\$	34.95
BUCKY HERMAN	LAND RENTAL	\$	120.00
INLAND TRUCK PARTS & SERVICE	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	133.76
ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	123.90
JACKSON SERVICE/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	70.40
JENSEN PUBLISHING/ROADS	PUBLICATION	\$	135.00
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	D & A TESTING	\$	105.00
MENARDS	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$	39.99
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS-POSTAGE	\$	5.80
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$	60.70
MIPS INC.	PROG SUPPORT	\$	127.18
LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$	75.00
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$	37.24
OFFICENET	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$	95.54
OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$	1,250.20
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$	42.00
PALMER SERVICE CENTER	FUEL	\$	1,953.50
PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	TIRE REPAIR	\$	269.50
POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	ELECTRICITY	\$	36.50
RDO TRUCK CENTER COMPANY	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	350.78
SAPP BROS. PETROLEUM	FUEL/TIRES	\$	919.20
SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$	494.21
STATE GLASS, INC.	REPAIR/LABOR	\$	157.57
VERIZON CONNECT NWF, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$	420.94
VERIZON WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	\$	107.39
VILLAGE OF CHAPMAN	ELECTRICITY	\$	43.15
VONTZ PAVING INC	GRAVEL	\$	1,041.01
WELDON PARTS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	1,833.36
XEROX CORPORATION	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$	132.24
ZEE MEDICAL SERVICE CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	205.45
TOTAL		\$	45,360.19
JUVENILE DIVERSION			
KENDRA LUTZ	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$	126.60
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	JUVDIV-POSTAGE	\$	2.50
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$	28.83
WALSH ASSOCIATES, LLC	SUPPLIES	\$	158.00
TOTAL		\$	315.93
K-9			
COUNTRYSIDE VETERINARY CLINIC	K-9 CARE	\$	100.08
TOTAL		\$	100.08
COMMISSARY			
ENCARTELE	COMMISSARY	\$	300.00
KEEFE SUPPLY COMPANY	COMMISSARY	\$	175.92
US FOODS DIVISION #2365	SUPPLIES	\$	29.45



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TOTAL		\$ 505.37
4-H BUILDING FUND		
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$ 1,273.67
SECURITY EQUIPMENT INC	SECURITY SRVC	\$ 32.00
TOTAL		\$ 1,305.67

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the November 2020 claims as submitted. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Adjourn: Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to adjourn at 1:17 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk